

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, vision, restrictions
FILE NO.	MH-0092-21
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	Engine service
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Colour vision deficiencies
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	May 2, 2013
MEMBER	Dr. George Pugh
DETERMINATION	The Minister of Transport's decision that the applicant is fit to hold a marine medical certificate with the limitation of "no watchkeeping" is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	<p>Limitation on a marine medical certificate – no watchkeeping –</p> <p>The applicant has been competently assessed with multiple tests and shown to have a significant colour vision defect. The applicant has argued that he can fulfill the requirements of ship's engineer and that his success as a telephone cable splicer, as well as the current observations of the chief engineer on his ship, confirm his abilities. In the interest of general safety, statutes and regulations have been enacted that disadvantage the applicant, and those like him who suffer from colour-defective vision, and impact the applicant's opportunity for advancement in his career. Nevertheless, the objective of safety in transportation outweighs any perception of unfairness resulting from the <i>Marine Personnel Regulations</i> in this case. The Minister's decision that the applicant is fit to hold a marine medical certificate with the limitation of "no watchkeeping" is confirmed.</p>
APPEAL	
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OTHER/COMMENTS	